



Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

Welcome to Recycling Lines, We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at gscoe@deq.virginia.gov.

Help Support YOUR Newsletter

The purpose of Recycling Lines is to help people interested in recycling issues throughout the Commonwealth know what is going on in different regions. Folks, this is YOUR newsletter! Please share your ideas and events with us so that we can put them in the newsletters for others to read about. Would you like Recycling Lines to be continued or shall we stop producing it? Please give us some feedback. Call Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055 or Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or email us at smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov or gscoe@deq.virginia.gov and let us know what you think.

Recycling Month Results

The **Virginia Recycling Association** gathered information about 22 recycling events in April and May as part of their eCycling promotional efforts. They received data from the following localities: **Buchanan County, Chesterfield County, Dickenson County, Fairfax County, Falls Church, Farmville, Fauquier County, Frederick County, Henrico County, Manassas, Martinsville, Norfolk, Prince George County, Richmond and Russell County.** These localities reported 2,111 participants brought in 469 televisions and 905 computer monitors along with other electronics, totaling 143 tons. Other localities held events, but their information is not available yet. Contact Kelley Hope at (804) 359-8413 or khope@cvwma.com

More information about these and other eCycling events will be provided as it becomes available.

James River Clean Up Report Includes Trash and Recyclables Collected

The 2006 James River Regional Cleanup, sponsored by the James River Advisory Council, reported that more than 860 volunteers picked up 408 bags of trash and 207 bags of recyclable materials including plastic, aluminum and glass on Saturday, June 10, 2006. Volunteers met in **Chesterfield, Henrico, Charles City, Powhatan, Goochland, and Charles City** Counties as well as in the Cities of **Richmond and Lynchburg.** For more information visit the James River Advisory Council web site at www.jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com

Did You Know?

- ✓ The performance and accounting reports are needed in order for localities to qualify for the litter prevention and recycling grants. Performance and Accounting Reports must be postmarked by **August 31, 2006.** To download a performance and accounting form, go to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/forms.html>
- ✓ The Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association will host its annual meeting September 13 – 15, 2006 in Bristol, VA. Contact Teresa Sweeney at (540) 381-2820 or tsweeney@mrswa.com
- ✓ The National Conservation Award was presented to Allan Lassiter of DEQ's Environmental Enhancement Program by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to recognize Mr. Lassiter for his work in recycling, litter prevention, and scrap tire management and pile remediation in Southside Virginia. Contact Allan Lassiter at (804) 698-4215 or arlassiter@deq.virginia.gov
- ✓ **Page County** held an electronics recycling collection event May 13 – 20, 2006. The collection yielded 13,264 lbs of electronics. Partial funding for the event came from a 2005 Dell Inc. grant for electronics collection events in rural Virginia. Contact Chris Anderson at (540) 743-4808 or canderson@pagecounty.virginia.gov
- ✓ **Bedford County** held an electronics recycling collection event on May 20, 2006. The collection yielded 21,040 pounds of electronics. Partial funding for the event came from a 2005 Dell Inc. grant for electronics collection events in rural Virginia. Contact Sheldon Cash (540) 586-7656 or s.cash@co.bedford.va.us
- ✓ The Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Subcommittee of the Virginia Recycling Association held their first meeting on June 13, 2006. The focus of the meeting was on definitions, methods and guidelines for reuse and recycling. Contact Ryan Jacoby (434) 293-6331 or ryan@cvillehabitatstore.org
- ✓ **Gloucester County** voted unanimously at their July 11 school board meeting to begin using biodiesel in all of their school buses and other diesel-operated vehicles after total satisfaction with their biodiesel pilot program. The biodiesel comes from a soybean plant in **New Kent County.** Contact Roger Kelly, the Transportation Director for Gloucester County Schools at (804) 693-1470 or rkelly@gck12.va.us

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Changes to the DMV Abandoned (Inoperable) Vehicle Reimbursement Program and Possible Recycling Rate Credit

On May 10, 2006, Ms. Theresa Gonyo of DMV notified participating local governments of changes made to the program due to HB 948, introduced by Delegate Harvey Morgan and enacted by the 2006 General Assembly. The change is effective on July 1, 2006.

The legislation was needed to allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to continue reimbursing localities (@\$50) for the disposal of junked/inoperable vehicles removed from private and public property, provided that the locality is actually involved in the disposal process and certifies that the vehicle has been disposed of in accordance with §46.2-1205 of the Code of Virginia. While local participation and certification was always required, the statute was not clear about vehicles on private property. Now, the language clearly states that they are eligible.

In the future there may well be another important reason to participate in this program, in addition to its obvious benefit of improving the landscape. Proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Regulations (9VAC 20-130) will allow a 1 ton recycling credit for each reimbursed vehicle removed and demolished by a locality. This will be in lieu of including auto bodies in the general recycling rate calculation process. Due to the time frame required for finalizing the regulation, this provision may not be applicable until the CY 2007 Recycling Rate Reporting cycle, which begins January 1, 2007.

For more information on the program and copies of the Program's Guidelines and Forms, please contact Billie Vaughan at DMV at (804) 367-0670 or by e-mail at Billie.Vaughan@dmv.virginia.gov

Tires . . . Tires . . . Tires – What to do with Them

EPA has completed the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook to help state and local governments reduce the economic burdens and environmental risks associated with scrap tire piles on their landscapes. U.S. EPA Region 5 and Illinois EPA have collaborated to create the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, and Allan Lassiter of DEQ participated in the on-going reviews of the material prior to the publication. The guidebook brings together the experience of dozens of professionals in one resource designed to provide state and local officials with the information needed to effectively clean up scrap tire piles. The guidebook discusses starting a cleanup program, working with contractors to clean up sites, and implementing prevention programs that will reduce scrap tire dumping. The guidebook is available at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance/>

Presentations are also available at: <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/index.htm>. These presentations cover all types of scrap tire issues, as well as several state scrap tire programs.

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Congratulations to the 2006 Environmental Stewardship Awards Winners

Preston Bryant, the Secretary of Natural Resources and Mike Ward, the Executive Director of the Virginia Petroleum Council presented four awards for environmental stewardship efforts on July 5, 2006. The award recipients were as follows:

- ✓ **Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, Lebanon** – for taking the lead and identifying and mapping illegal dump sites in Russell County. The maps are used by the Russell County Litter Control Department to organize the clean up of dump sites with labor provided by volunteers, Assign-A-Highway probationers, and corrections work teams.
- ✓ **Clean Valley Council, Inc. Roanoke** – for development of a Green Construction Site Manual. This manual gives suggestions to builders and homeowners on how to minimize waste from new home construction and tells how materials can be recycled.
- ✓ **Southeastern Public Service Authority, Chesapeake** – for their play called “The Trashinator.” This play educates students on the importance of recycling, what happens to solid waste, and how to dispose of household hazardous waste.
- ✓ **Ms. Deanna Fehr, Farmville** – who is a member of the Heart of Virginia Master Gardeners Association. She helps to promote interest in gardening and formed a local Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Garden Club. She is presently helping Children in Farmville to plan and plant a rain garden.

For more information about these awards, go to:

www.vanaturally.com/esa06.html

America's Marketplace Recycles – Any Leaders in Your Locality?

The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking for shopping centers that meet one or more of the criteria below to receive the Recycler of the Year Award:

- ✓ New Recycling Program Award
- ✓ Expansion of an Existing Recycling Program Award
- ✓ Outstanding Retailer Award
- ✓ Outstanding Shopping Center/Owner/Developer Award
- ✓ Public Awareness Program Award
- ✓ Community Partnership Award
- ✓ Innovative Recycling Program Award

Only ICSC members will be eligible to win an award.

Applications must be received by the ICSC by September 1, 2006. For More information go to:

<http://www.icsc.org/government/index.php>